

APPROVED: Meeting No. 39-93

ATTEST: *Paula Jewell*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 36-93

October 18, 1993

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on October 18, 1993, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilmember James F. Coyle
(arrived at 7:40 p.m.)

Councilmember Rose G. Krasnow

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember David Robbins

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, City Clerk Paula Jewell and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

A video was shown as a tribute to Councilmember Robbins, who was attending his last meeting as a member of the City Council. Mr. Robbins, elected in 1987, and re-elected in 1989 and 1991, was stepping down from the Council this evening after deciding not to seek a fourth term on the City Council.

Re: Public Hearing: Map
Amendment Application
M-60-93, Miller, Miller and
Canby, Attorneys for the
Estate of William E.
Linthicum, Applicant.

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The Mayor and Council conducted a Public Hearing to take comments on Map Amendment Application M-60-93, a proposed amendment to the Zoning Map so as to reclassify a 9,834 square foot property at 110 S. Washington Street from the R-90 Residential Zone to the O-1 Office Zone. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other persons wishing to testify, the Mayor declared the public hearing to be closed, with the record to remain open until November 1, 1993.

Re: Public Hearing: Map
Amendment Application M-
61-93, Potomac Capital
Investment Corporation,
Applicant.

The Mayor and Council conducted a Public Hearing to take comments on Map Amendment Application M-61-93, a proposed amendment to the Zoning Map so as to reclassify a 24.54 acre portion of the PEPCO property between W. Gude Drive and Redland Road from the I-2, Light Industrial Zone to the I-3, Industrial Park Zone.

The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other persons wishing to testify, the Mayor declared the public hearing to be closed, with the record to remain open until November 1, 1993.

Re: Public Hearing: Text
Amendment Application T-
137-93, Joseph A. Lynott,
Attorney for Federal Realty
Investment Trust, Applicant.

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The Mayor and Council conducted a Public Hearing to take comments on Text Amendment Application T-137-93, a proposed amendment to the parking requirements section of the Zoning Ordinance so as to establish a separate parking standard for shopping centers and reduce the parking requirement for retail establishments. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other persons wishing to testify, the Mayor declared the public hearing to be closed, with the record to remain open until November 1, 1993.

Re: Public Hearing: Text
Amendment Application T-
140-93, Rockville Center,
Inc., Applicant.

The Mayor and Council conducted a Public Hearing to take comments on Text Amendment Application T-140-93, a proposed amendment to the Town Center development regulations of the Zoning Ordinance to establish a new optional method of development in the Town Center mixed use zones, and to make other modifications applicable to all Town Center zones. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other persons wishing to testify, the Mayor declared the public hearing to be closed, with the record to remain open until November 1, 1993.

Re: Citizens Forum

This time is set aside to hear from any citizen who wishes to address the Mayor and Council.

1. Tom Curtis announced that there would be a meeting of Rockville Common Ownership Communities Association on October 19th, at City Hall, 7:30 p.m. Mr. Robbins thanked Mr. Curtis for his ongoing leadership and energy put into RCOCA. Mr. Curtis acknowledged that under the current Mayor and Council's leadership, the Association had thrived and he thanked Mayor Duncan for his leadership and role in the administration of the City.

Re: New Business

1. Councilmember Marrinan commented that the Partnership for Regional Excellence, which was initiated by the Council Of Government (COG) Board of Directors in 1992, had built consensus on issues common to local governments and recommended that COG continue its leadership role to achieve the Partnership goals. Mr. Marrinan said there was a commitment on the part of local governments involved and the Board of Directors had affirmed its respect for local governmental authority.

Mr. Marrinan also noted that COG is concerned about the issue of availability, quality and affordability of child care services in the region. He said he recommended that interested persons review the report because there is a growing need for child care and a need for jurisdictions to work together towards this end.

2. Councilmember Krasnow said that she agreed that adequate child care was an issue of increasing concern in the City and she noted that more problems have arisen due to children not getting proper care and she suggested that the Mayor and Council and staff take up the issue as an initiative in the next term.

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3. Mayor Duncan noted a request received from Chevy Chase asking that the City take the role of "friend of the court" in the Pan-American Health Organization matter. Mayor Duncan asked that the City Attorney look into this.

4. Mayor Duncan remarked that he had received a letter from Lee Moss, the basketball coach at Rockville High School who ran last summer's basketball camp. Mr. Moss had expressed an interest in expanding the camp next year and had asked for the City's support. Mayor Duncan said he was referring the issue to the next Mayor and Council for their consideration during next budget year.

5. Mayor Duncan asked that staff give some options to the next Mayor and Council on working with the County to maintain the College Garden Woods as forest property.

Re: Next Meeting

The last meeting of the current Mayor and Council will be in General Session on Monday, October 25, 1993 at 7:30 p.m.

Re: Tribute to Councilmember
Robbins

Mayor Duncan noted that Councilmember Robbins was elected to the Council in 1987. He said that Mr. Robbins had been a tremendous asset, bringing to the Council his many years of federal government experience. Mayor Duncan also said that Dave Robbins was a great friend. Mayor Duncan added his appreciation to Councilmember Robbins' wife Anne and their children for their support of Robbins while he served on the Council.

Councilmember Marrinan said his memories of Councilmember Robbins went back over six years ago when Mr. Robbins first got involved in his first election campaign. Mr.

Marrinan said that he had enjoyed Mr. Robbins' companionship as a fellow councilmember. He wished Mr. Robbins well and said he hoped that he would stay involved.

Councilmember Krasnow commented that Councilmember Robbins could feel proud in the accomplishments he made while serving on the Council. She said it was a privilege to work with him for two years. She said that Mr. Robbins brought the right attitude to the job and she admired this and wished him luck.

Councilmember Coyle said he had known Councilmember Robbins for 25 years, and he said Mr. Robbins had spent more than 30 years in public service on the state, federal and local levels. Mr. Coyle said that Mr. Robbins' positive image helped counter the usual public image one heard about in public service, because he had served as a model in public service.

Councilmember Robbins thanked the Mayor and Council for their remarks. He said it had been a privilege to serve the City of Rockville, and he left with a sense of collective accomplishment. Mr. Robbins noted that he intended to be very active in his wife's campaign for County Council. Mr. Robbins also thanked the citizens of Rockville who he said were so much a part of the community. He also expressed a deep appreciation to the "awesome" staff of Rockville's city government under the guidance of City Manager, Bruce Romer. Mr. Robbins expressed appreciation to his family, who he said, had been most supportive in his role.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m., to convene again in General Session at 7:30 p.m. on October 25, 1993, or at the call of the Mayor.